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Colonel Willis JANUMS

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It is requested that your records on the following named person be checked:

Name: (former Colonel) Vilis JANUMS
Place of birth: Latvia
Date of birth: 7 Jan 1894
Occupation: chief of Latvian veteran's organization in Germany
Present address:
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Findings of Berlin Document Center:

JANUMS, Vilis, (former Colonel) 385982
Born: January 7, 1894 at Code, district-Bauska, Latvia
Occupation: Officer
Address: Riga, Maza prospekts 8-2.
Waffen-SS-entry: March 8, 1943.
W-SS-rank: Waffen-Standartenfuehrer (March 8, 1943).
W-SS-unit:
15. Waffen-Gren.Division SS (March 8, 1943-; Commanding Officer of Latvian SS-Freiw.Regiment Nr. 4).
Detailed to:
SS-Panzer-Grenadier-Schule Kienschlag (Sep 16 - Oct 8, 1944),
Regiments-Fuehrer-Lehrgang, Doeberitz (Oct.9 - Nov. 25, 1944).
He served in the Russian Army from October 4, 1914 until May 30, 1916 (rank: Lt.) and in the Latvian Army from June 1, 1918 until October 21, 1940. J. attended the War-academy in the CSR from August 14, 1928 until July 15, 1930 and was later chief of the operations section of an Army-staff in Latvia. In 1934 he was transferred to the Latvian war-academy as an instructor of strategy. On Sep 25, 1939 he was appointed Chief of Staff of a division and was promoted to Colonel effective November 11, 1939.
When the Bolsheviks invaded Latvia J. fled to Germany. He returned to Latvia on January 30, 1942 and was employed by the Latvian authorities. Following the request of said authorities he joined the Latvian SS-volunteers-Legion and was appointed Commander of the 4th Latvian SS-volunteers-Regiment.
Nationality: Latvian.
Personal history statement, written and signed by him on July 29, 1943, and photo showing him in W-SS-uniform, are available.

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